

talk that it was her child and that Bill Whittaker was the father.

I also talked with her son, Walter Brown. He informed me that he had been in and around the Gibson farm with Willie Easton off and on for a number of years. That Mrs. Gibson was a very peculiar woman, and in fact that in all the time that he was around the place, he had never been permitted to enter the house. He later had some words with Mrs. Gibson because his dog had fought with Mrs. Gibson's dog. He told me that he had never seen Mrs. Gibson with a gun or a revolver, although he understood that she had one. He further stated that Mrs. Gibson had threatened to shoot a colored barber, who has a shop on French Street, New Brunswick, across from the Washington School, and also Rollin Harbough, a well driller who resides on the Hamilton Road toward East Millstone. I interviewed Harbough, and he stated that last July he was crossing Mrs. Gibson's property when she came out and ordered him off. There was an exchange of words between them and Mrs. Gibson told him that she would shoot him if he did not get off her property at once. She did not produce a gun. I will endeavor to locate the colored barber.

Brown also stated that Cecil Battle had a colored man that lived on the Gibson farm for a long while; that he had a fight with Mrs. Gibson and had hurriedly moved away; that Battle had wanted him to take care of the moving for him, but Mrs. Gibson told him not to do so. He claims that Battle has a wife and child, and moved somewhere around New Brunswick.

Yours truly,

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